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SUBJECT: Emergency Rule

Staff is requesting the Commission to adopt an emergency rule changing WAC 390-16-011, Registration Statement for Political Committees, and WAC 390-16-012, Registration Statement for Candidates, to comply with the new language in Senate Bill 6775. The legislation, which went into effect on June 8, 2000, amended RCW 42.17.065 and RCW 42.17.080 as they pertain to maintaining campaign books of account open for public inspection during the eight days before an election.

Unlike the law in effect in 1999, the measure requires the books of account to be available for two consecutive hours on the seventh day before an election when the eighth day before the elections is a legal holiday.

Emergency Rule

The new language proposed as an emergency rule for the **C1 Candidate Registration** and **C1pc Political Committee Registration** would read as follows:

Campaign books must be open to the public, except on a weekend or legal holiday, during the eight days before the election: (a) on the eighth day for two consecutive hours between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; if the eighth day is a legal holiday - two consecutive hours on the seventh day between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; and (b) on the other weekdays, by appointment between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Specify location and hours below. It is not acceptable to provide a post office box or an out-of-area address.

Staff is requesting that the Commission adopt the new language as an emergency rule to become effective June 29, 2000. An emergency rule stays in effect for 120 days and staff will proceed with the rule making process for permanent adoption.

See proposed [Emergency Rules](#) and PDC forms C1 and C1pc.